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From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3883
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BOATANCHORS Digest 3883

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by William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>

From: "tfrobase" <tfrobase@kitparts.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Gen X ers, off subject but closer to our lives than I like to think!
Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2006 20:03:28 -0600
Message-ID: <00e501c61b0a\$36f3d450\$0c01010a@kitparts.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
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Today one of my workmates approached me with questions about his homework assignment from University of Phoenix.

He had a picture of a Fluke portable multimeter and explained the assignment was to define what each of the meter positions was used for. I asked him if he understood the concept of electrons flowing through a circuit and if he had ever heard of Ohms law.

Answer was no, I just need to know what the positions mean, haven't got time to learn that other stuff! I then ask him what kind of degree program he was working on, he answered Certified Engineer on Cisco Routers (CCNE).

Does a Cisco Network Engineer have to know Ohms law? Maybe not, but then I began to thing about trying to hammer my first nail. A hammer is just a tool, used by an inexperience untrained individual it still just a tool. On the other hand, if properly trained the user of that hammer can build a house.

As the rest of us gray haired and my case bald, OF's drift off into the sunset who is going to remember why the cable is twisted, how to calculate its capacitance and maybe how to use a TDR to figure out where it is broken. My concern is, that I remember when I was young and dumb, I don't think the next generation knows the concept!

Just a way of saying that my association with you folks that are always thinking, keeps me young at heart ... thanks tom, N3LLL

Date: Tue, 17 Jan 2006 22:02:33 -0500 (EST)
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Gen X ers, off subject but closer to our lives than I like to think!
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.20.0601172154520.29655-100000@osfn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

The skill set has changed - deal with it.

Maybe this guy with the Fluke is clueless when it comes actually using it, but most of the "OF"s on this list probably would be completely stumped when given a console prompt on a Cisco router.

Who here can turn on a simple serial interface on a Cisco router using a IOS command line? Hmmm? Even something as simple as setting a password?

William Donzelli
Aging GenX'er
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From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <260.54d3846.30ff18cf@cs.com>
Date: Tue, 17 Jan 2006 23:06:39 EST
Subject: Re: Gen X ers, off subject but closer to our lives than I like to think!
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yahbut, although I never bought Cisco back when I had a day job, gimme the Command Set list and I'll finger it out. This guy may not be legally stupid but he is legally lazy. Actually, the latter inevitably leads directly to the former.

In a message dated 1/17/2006 9:03:02 PM Central Standard Time, aw288@osfn.org writes:

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*      This post contains a forbidden message format      *
*      (such as an attached file, a v-card, HTML formatting) *
*      Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT      *
*      If your postings display this message your mail program *
*      is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
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Message-ID: <001c01c61be6\$e4b59010\$ad00a8c0@Morris1>
From: "Morris Odell" <vilgotch@bigpond.net.au>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Repair philosophy
Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2006 15:23:11 +1100
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 format=flowed;
 charset="iso-8859-1";
 reply-type=original
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>> I'm a bit dismayed at some of this jazz about "shotgunning." ...
>
> Why so, Hank? There's more than one way to skin a cat.

<snip>

Interesting discussion. I think there are good arguments on both sides, but I usually come down on the side of shotgunning, and I'm no newbie! I'm perfectly capable of exercising diagnostic skills to isolate a faulty part and actually enjoy doing it most of the time, but I hate going back to do something I should have done at the outset, especially if there's a lot of difficulty getting access.

My main interest is in big communications and "technical" boatanchors rather than "entertainment" radios. When a problem arises with drifted resistors or leaky caps it's usually a generic one, ie: *all* the waxies, black beauties or Hunts caps will be leaky or *all* the crappy old carbon resistors will be out of spec. In many cases (exemplified by the SX-28 RF section) there is so much work involved in replacing just one part, that it's pure masochism to leave the rest for a later time.

Now I *know* that a leaky cathode bypass is no big deal compared to a leaky screen bypass, and that a AVC feeder resistor can drift up enormously without affecting performance, but that's no justification for leaving them in. Eventually they will give trouble and you will be back in there. In the worst case situation you will have left something in there that could take out a tube or even a transformer! If you want the original look, by all means go to the trouble of putting a new cap in an old case, but I prefer to take advantage of the great passive component technology we have access to and do the lot.

My usual procedure for firing up an old radio is to inspect it carefully, especially to make sure all is well on the mains side. This might involve replacing the line cord and any mains bypass caps, and megger testing the primary side with a 500 volt megger (I live in a 240 volt country). I then pull the rectifier and check the power transformer. If all is well I would then replace most or all of the potentially faulty passives before going any further. I have a Heath capacitor tester but usually only use it on caps I've removed to confirm my policy. I've had very few surprises and no disasters so far :-)

My \$0.02 worth

73 de Morris VK3DOC

From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <92.3586da38.3100378d@cs.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2006 19:30:05 EST
Subject: FS: 15 Volt Battery Adaptor for Simpson 260-5P and AFP-1
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Group,

Simpson Model 45002 adaptor to replace #415 15 Volt battery in Simpson 260 Series 5P and Series AFP-1, \$15.00 plus shipping. Includes new Eveready #411 battery (worth \$10-\$12). This is approximately my cost per adaptor and battery. No profit involved. See below for why I bought them.

Some months ago, having two of the AFP-1's, I was looking for a source for the 415 battery, but it was discontinued. I then discovered that Simpson had made an adaptor to use the readily available 411. But even to a distributor, Simpson had a 12-piece minimum. So I looked into building two of them (which recently turned into three of them required). Figuring machining time, it looked like most of a day when it was all said and done, plus cost of materials. Then I discovered that the adaptor unit cost included a new battery, which meant that the adaptor itself was less than \$5.00, and the thought of wasting a day to save \$15 didn't sit well. Finally, I blew another fuse in my main bench Simpson 260-5 (for those who don't know, the fuses are soldered to the circuit board) which was why I was trying to get the AFP-1's running in the first place (they do not blow fuses when you forget that the meter is on Ohms and stick the probes across a voltage source). So I called Allied back and told them to place the order.

Since I'm rambling waiting for the dinner bell, and because someone is almost certain to say I should have just converted them to use a 9-volt battery, here's why I didn't. First, it won't fit (too long) and I declined to bust up the bakelite so that it would. Second, the conversion cost per meter (time and materials) definitely exceeded the \$5.00 per meter savings. Third, I'm not sure it would have worked anyway, given that a relay is involved. Fourth, at a minimum the amplifier would have had to be redesigned, and I pretty much quit playing with anything lacking a filament voltage spec when I lost my last Corporate Karate fight in 1999. Fifth and final, when I bought the first two meters from Fair Radio years ago, they had a bunch of them. And I figured some might still be floating around with list members who are in the same boat I was in.

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* is not set to send PLAIN TEXT ONLY and needs adjusting *
* * * * *

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Message-ID: <43CF0B5A.9020107@wb1cmg.mv.com>
Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2006 22:45:30 -0500
From: "David M. Upton" <david@wb1cmg.mv.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Recycling Drives for Electronics
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am becoming increasingly aware of these electronics recycling drives held in various communities where householders pay to "safely" dispose of electronics. Beyond the sad part of enriching the collector, I started to wonder if any of our BAs are ending up this way. Is there a way to protect these operators from shredding historically or technologically significant gear within our grasp? I was thinking of the "St. Julien's Creek" resolution and orders to DoD disposal areas that came out of that as a precedent.

David M. Upton, WB1CMG
Mont Vernon, NH

Message-ID: <001b01c61cae\$e63afab0\$2ee47443@KB6NAX>
From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Recycling Drives for Electronics
Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2006 20:14:44 -0800
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

> I am becoming increasingly aware of these electronics recycling drives
> held in various communities where householders pay to "safely" dispose
> of electronics.

If you present a persuasive case for historical electronics recovery to the

management of your local recycling outfit perhaps they would allow you to visit them and look through their incoming goodies. I'm sure they wouldn't mind having their picnic fund a bit healthier.

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2006 03:57:18 -0600
From: David Stinson <arc5@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: Really Wierd TR-4C Problem
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-id: <43CF627E.4040300@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Been working on refurbing a TR-4C.
Lord, a lot can go wrong with one of these when it's been left in storage for a long time.

This one has non-matched Sylvania 6JB6s in the PA. It won't neutralize or even come close, but that's not the "wierd" part. The tube closest to the front of the radio draws less than half the current of the other two. I've checked the screen resistors, screen voltages, the cathode resistors, resoldered the tube socket pins and grounds- all the obvious stuff. I've put one of the other tubes in that socket in case I had a "softer" tube, but it made no difference; the one near the front won't take a significant part of the total current. I'm flummuxed... Anyone have any ideas??

Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2006 14:39:19 -0500 (EST)
From: jsb@digistar.com
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Bud Codemaster - 117L7 tube
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.58.0601191437320.16681@digistar.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

hi,

I picked up a nice little Bud Codemaster that uses an 117L7 tube - just wondering if there are schematics around for it. It does not have 2 tubes - just the 117L7.

Thanks!

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73 Jason N1SU
<http://n1su.com/>

Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2006 19:52:19 -0500 (EST)
Message-Id: <200601200052.k0K0qJ6V522857@wine.ecunet.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: TNX
From: JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org

To: boatanchors@theporch.com

I've forced been to be away for unpredictable lengths time from my computer & therefore from the BA List, but at least I have a treasure trove of BA digests to look forward to when I'm back!

I want to thank those of you who responded for useful responses to my questions about:

- 1) Stiff Drake PTO mechanism;
- 2) Sources of accurate voltage reference.

As always, THANKS es 73 !

-John Sehring (Wed, Jan 19, 2005, 5:43 pm) Okotoks AB Canada -WB0EQ/VE6-

Message-ID: <002b01c61d64\$b9eeae00\$ab85cdd1@s0023531634>
From: "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@i-55.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Frank Thrash @ snakebite" <maryland@snakebite.com>,
"Frank Thrash, W4DLZ" <w4dlz@arrl.net>, "Joe W5OS" <W5OS@jep.com>,
"Joe Lodato, W5IIA" <W5IIA@bellsouth.net>, <K1DW@aol.com>, <KC1Z@aol.com>,
"Plez Z Reid, W1CCX" <w1ccx@netscape.com>, "Walt, KA1MM" <ka1mm@snet.net>
Subject: Fw: GB> SSB ops clear down to 7000 kHz on 40m, Grrrr
Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2006 19:56:21 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="windows-1250"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A forward of message submitted to glowbug reflector.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sandy W5TVW" <ebjr@i-55.com>
To: <w1eof@hamnutz.com>; <bcarling@cfl.rr.com>; "_LIST:GlowBugs"
<glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 3:36 PM
Subject: Re: GB> SSB ops clear down to 7000 kHz on 40m, Grrrr

| For those of you who are ARRL members, I think that there should be some
limitations on
| what part of the band is used for contesting, and some small segment or segments
should
| be set aside for casual and emergency QSO's. This could be enforced by the ARRL
"Official
Observer"
| corps. Violate the 'non-contest' area and your contest entry will be
disqualified!
| Same with the CQ contests as well. QRMing the violators will do no good and
only "piss them off".
| I'm sure they would pay attention to some limits if their logs were declared
disqualified once!
|
| Personally, I do "do" some contesting, but it is confined to mainly QRP contests
only, or
| 160 meter "events". There are far too many contesters that think they are
exempt from any
| flagrant operating courtesy! We can forget and involvement of the FCC in doing
anything
| about this. ARRL should take the lead here to help stamp out these practices of
"band
| domination" by nearly every weekend contesters. If people knew "someone" was
listening
| and their hours spent were for naught if they were caught violating the "non
contest"
| segments, then they would stop the practice. Most of the "state" or regional or
QRP
| QSO parties or sprints are usually confined to a small segment of the band and
most
| of the participants comply, but a lot of the "bigger" events wind up dominating
the
| whole band.
|
| Another complaint I have is the US hams who go to Caribbean islands and operate
"split"
| while working mostly USA amateurs with no regard to who is operating on "their
| frequency" in the CW band whilst on SSB! I and others are not asking for a big
segment of space
| especially on 40 meters where most of the trouble occurs, but at least a small
zone

where one could carry on a schedule or QSO without massive QRM from contesters on CW or SSB.

How do you guys out there feel about this in all fairness to everyone involved?

73,

Sandy W5TVW

----- Original Message -----

From: "W1EOF" <w1eof@hamnutz.com>

To: <bcarling@cfl.rr.com>; "_LIST:GlowBugs" <glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu>

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 11:21 AM

Subject: RE: GB> SSB ops clear down to 7000 kHz on 40m, Grrrr

Brian,

Although the Uh-oh idea put a smile on my face, I think many hams will react poorly to a small group of hams setting themselves up as the police. Then again, if it's strictly a REPORTING device to log activity and post on a website... If so, I would be willing to set it up on my website hosting business.

For starters why don't we keep the pressure on CQ? Their contest participants were the most serious aggressors so far. I'll write again and call if necessary to see if I can get some cooperation. I'll let you know what I find out if anything).

On the two RM's before the FCC I'm in the middle of studying them now. Lots of rumors and talk going around... takes some work to carefully study the proposals, especially the ARRL job which is lengthy.

73,

Mark W1EOF

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brian Carling [mailto:bcarling@cfl.rr.com]

> Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2006 6:06 AM

> To: W1EOF; AmateurRadio@yahoogroups.com;

> BOATANCHORS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV; dcboatanchors@mailman.qth.net;

> FLBOATANCHORS@yahoogroups.com;

> glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu; HamStuff@yahoogroups.com;

> HEATH@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV

> Cc: MOPAGROUP@yahoogroups.com; RF-HAMSTUFF@yahoogroups.com;

> VintageBC@yahoogroups.com

> Subject: GB> SSB ops clear down to 7000 kHz on 40m, Grrrr

>

| | >
| | > Mark & fellow CW ops...
| | >
| | > I did not do anything about it in the case of this CQWW contest.
| | > I am not against testers at all, but THIS went too far.
| | >
| | > I think we need a co-ordinated effort among CW ops the next
| | > time this happens.
| | >
| | > Here is the idea. Most of these gung ho testers have e-mail.
| | >
| | > What about if we LOG all of their activity that is BELOW the IARU
| | > edge (i.e. 7050 kHz)
| | > or is it 7030 kHz?
| | > Anyway, we LOG it and send a copy of the WHOLE LOG to CQ
| | > Magazine with a letter of complaint.
| | >
| | > ALSO, and most importantly, we send an e-mail or a
| | > "QSL CARD" or letter to each of these stations (mostly outside
| | > USA so
| | > an e-mail will be cheaper) and let them know that we are not too
| | > happy about the situation and that we have lodged a complaint with
| | > CQ Magazine.
| | >
| | > If a guy gets 40 or 50 such QSL cards, letters and e-mails from his
| | > peers
| | > he might think again before causing such careless and wanton
| | > QRM to the CQ sub-band.
| | >
| | > What think you all?
| | >
| | > Maybe we need an informal "Uh Oh!" organization.
| | > O-O = Official Observers
| | > Uh-Oh = Unofficial Observers
| | >
| | > Or we can sit on our butts and do nothing and the blighters will
| | > take more and more of the CW segments away!
| | >
| | > Brian, AF4K
| | >
| | > P.S. PLEASE forward to OTHER CW-related lists!
| | >
| | > On 18 Jan 2006 at 23:09, W1EOF wrote:
| | >
| | > > During the last CQ WW SSB contest participants were operating
| | > all the way
| | > > down to 7.002 on 40M. I wrote to several people at CQ Magazine
| | > asking why

| | > > they did not voluntarily restrict the frequencies available for
| | > the contest.
| | > > This to me was the most obvious way to solve the problem.
| | > >
| | > > Only got one response, from some guy who was not at CQ
| | > Magazine. He said it
| | > > was not their business to police it, and those amateurs who
| | > operated down
| | > > there were legally operating under the rules of their country. I got no
| | > > official answer from CQ. Neither did anyone else I know who
| | > wrote to them.
| | > > Personally I think the most shameful of all are the American
| | > hams that get a
| | > > license from the country they are visiting so they can operate without
| | > > hinderance from those nasty sub-bands.
| | > >
| | > > Maybe I should subscribe so I can pull my subscription in protest?
| | > >
| | > > 73,
| | > >
| | > > Mark W1EOF
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| | > --
| | > No virus found in this incoming message.
| | > Checked by AVG Free Edition.
| | > Version: 7.1.375 / Virus Database: 267.14.20/233 - Release Date: 1/18/06
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Message-Id: <3ED463AF-46EF-41D9-981E-2E94BC98A4AC@earthlink.net>
Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>,
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"Frank Thrash, W4DLZ" <w4dlz@arrl.net>,
"Joe W5OS" <W5OS@jep.com>,
"Joe Lodato, W5IIA" <W5IIA@bellsouth.net>,
<K1DW@aol.com>,
<KC1Z@aol.com>,
"Plez Z Reid, W1CCX" <w1ccx@netscape.com>,
"Walt, KA1MM" <ka1mm@snet.net>
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From: Frank Connelly <w7nd@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: GB> SSB ops clear down to 7000 kHz on 40m, Grrrr
Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2006 19:59:42 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Can someone enlighten me why this thread is running on boatanchor
newsgroups?

73,
Frank, W7ND

Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2006 17:48:24 -0500 (EST)
From: William Donzelli <aw288@osfn.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Tube purge
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.20.0601201723250.19055-100000@osfn.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Time again for a long overdue tube purge. This time I have included the
milsurplus list, as there are many mil tubes in the bunch, and most are
mil radio friendly.

Anyway, to review the details. Each lot is \$20.00 delivered to your door
(in other words, shipping included) in the US. Anyone overseas interested
should ask first and I will come up with a reasonable price to reflect the
greater postage.

Each lot is sorted by basic style, but that is it. They are untested and

unsorted, both clean and dirty. In the past, people tend to get a yield of about 90 percent good tubes. Not a bad deal. Tubes that are obviously bad (gassy, busted) do not even make it to the first step, however, one or two every so often might break in shipment. I pack the lots pretty well, but things happen. I generally pack a few extras in each lot.

With the exception of the *** lot, the tubes are all boatanchor and milradio happy types. No useless TV junk, 17 volt tubes, and so forth. Generally, the types have to show up in Tube Lore to make the lots. Listed are some typical types you may (and probably will) get in the lots.

So speak up (off lists please), and claim whatever lots you want. Claim multiples of each if you want. Sunday or so I will figure out who gets what.

And now, the lots:

Lot	Quantity	PerLot	Types	TypicalTubes
Z	25		Rectifiers	5U4GB, 5Y3GT, 5R4GY, 5Y4G, etc.
Y	40		Octals	6SA7GT, 6SL7GT, 6AS7G, 6H6GT, etc.
W	60		Minis	6AQ5, 6AS6, 6BA6, 6J6, 6BH6, 12AU6, etc.
V	50		Prem Minis	6005, 5670, 5726, 6136, 6186, etc.
U	30		Gas	0C3, 0B3, 0D3, 0B2, etc.
T	40		Batteries	1T4, 3A5, 3Q5, 1A3, etc.
S	20		Big Pinners	24A, 27, 35, 6C6, 6D6, etc.
R	30		Metals	6SK7, 6AC7, 6SQ7, 12SC7, etc.
Q***	80		Yuck Minis	6BN6, and other odd 6 and 12 volt types

So there you have it.

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Gen X ers, off subject but closer to our lives than I like to think!

Dear changing skill set, u sed

} The skill set has changed - deal with it.
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} Maybe this guy with the Fluke is clueless when it comes actually using it,
} but most of the "OF"s on this list probably would be completely stumped

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} when given a console prompt on a Cisco router.  
}  
} Who here can turn on a simple serial interface on a Cisco router using a  
} IOS command line? Hmmm? Even something as simple as setting a  
} password?
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I'm sure there's a few hands that went up. Mine haltingly since I'm only good thru IOS 12.3.

BUT, learning commands isn't much different than learning the order-entry touch-panel over at Burger Blast. One cud comment there's no middle age WASP with a key to unjam sed touch-panel regularly, but that'd counter with the Cisco 800 number as an analogy.

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Marty

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I have a computer too. It programmed me to use words I never used before.

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The Gen-X geek kids do have the foundation theory - it is just not radio and electronics anymore. It is operating system and software now - linked lists, algorithms, process handling, routing theory, and so forth.

When I was in high school in the, fooling around with Apple 2s, the evidence of the shift was there - in a school of 1800 students, I think there was one ham. There were a small handfull of computer geeks as well, but we were stuck with Apples and C64s. Not complex stuff, by any means. These days, I see what some of the high school kids are doing now with Linux machines - magnitudes more complex than the dumb Apple tricks we would do. I doubt my old school has a single ham in it. Lots of Linux wizzard, perhaps.

Ham radio is a dying hobby, especially the old boatanchor stuff we like, but it really is unfair to blame the "kids". Those kids that choose to be geeks are seeing much more in computer technology than in radio and electronics. These choices follow them to their careers.

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